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Serial No. : 10/596,218

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For : METHOD OF CONTROLLING CONTACT LOAD IN  
ELECTRONIC COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUSAttorney Docket No. P29986**Mail Stop Amendment****Confirmation No. 3667**

Group Art Unit : 3729

Examiner : P. D. Kim

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment

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401 Dulany Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.☒ 3 replacements sheets of drawing.☒ No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 8, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 8, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding objections and rejection, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

**Replacement Figures** are attached hereto and described beginning at page 2 of this paper  
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.  
**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figures 5A to 7C with the attached Replacement Figures 5A to 7C.  
Replacement Figures 5A to 7C are each labeled as "Prior Art".